#13. OKAY, LET'S REST!
GOOD JOB~
YEAH.
YOU PERFORMED WELL.
AND SAFELY, ABOVE ALL.
HEHEHE...
IN THAT CASE, I'LL GO FIRST.
You're one to talk!
Your mug looks awful!
ALRIGHT, LET'S ALL SHARE INFORMATION BEFORE RESTING.

SINCE THE LIBERATION ARMY IS AFRAID OF THE SNIPER, THEY SHOULDN'T ENTER THIS AREA FOR THE TIME BEING. SO IT SHOULD BE SAFE HERE FOR NOW.
FIRST, WE HAD SPENT ALL MORNING AND CONFIRMED THAT THERE ARE NO ENEMIES LEFT IN THE AREA.
...AH.
...HOW DID IT GO?
HE HAD FUN DOING IT.
YEAH, I SEE...
IT SEEMS HE SPENT ALL NIGHT DESECRATING THE CORPSES, SO THAT WAS THE PUNISHMENT, BUT...
WHILE MONADO SUPERVISED THE BURIAL OF THE ENEMIES KILLED IN ACTION, HE ACTUALLY JUST LET RUTZEN DO IT ALONE.
...

LET ME SEE... ONE PERSON INJURED ONE KILLED IN ACTION
...NEXT, REGARDING THE CURRENT PERSONNEL'S CONDITION...
...He's insane. And scolding him is bothersome. If there's a chance in the next battle, let's exploit him as expendable. I doubt anyone's gonna be sad when he dies.
NEXT IS NIKOLAI, WHO WAS KILLED IN ACTION.
FIRST, VITALI'S INJURY WILL TAKE ABOUT A MONTH TO HEAL. IT'S A RELATIVELY MINOR INJURY, BUT I THINK HE WON'T BE ABLE TO HELP US HERE.
BECAUSE THE BULLET PIERCED A WALL AND THEN HIS BODY WITH IT'S REMAINING ENERGY, THE DAMAGE TO INTERNAL ORGANS WAS SMALL.
GRACE IS ATTENDING TO HIM CONSTANTLY.
What a fighter.
Nah, I wanna eat a cake...

HOWEVER, HE TOOK THE BULLET DIRECTLY FROM THE GUN, SO THE BULLET'S ENERGY DIDN'T DISSIPATE. BECAUSE OF THAT, THE DAMAGE INSIDE THE BODY AND AT THE EXIT POINT BECAME A TERRIBLE AND FATAL WOUND.
THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS MAJOR BLOOD LOSS FROM A WOUND TO THE BRACHIAL ARTERY.
IT'S THE SAME TYPE OF LIMB WOUND AS VITALI'S...
ROSA ALSO LOOKS DIFFERENT AFTER GOING THROUGH A BATTLE WITH HIM. I THINK SHE WILL BECOME A GOOD SOLDIER IF SHE GAINS SOME MORE EXPERIENCE.
HE HAD A BAD MOUTH, BUT HE FOUGHT PROPERLY WITH US AND HE SPOKE WELL OF YOU OUTSIDE OF PERSONAL STUFF.
...
ROSA AND MERCIA HAVE BURIED HIS REMAINS
BEHIND THE CHURCH WHILE THEY WERE CLEARING THE AREA.

THE PROBLEM IS MERCIA. SHE WAS USELESS UNTIL THE END.
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I MAY BE STATING THE OBVIOUS, BUT SHE WILL BRING HARM TO THE COMBAT DIVISION THE WAY SHE IS NOW.
SFX: "Uuuuu..."
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YEAH... I GET IT...
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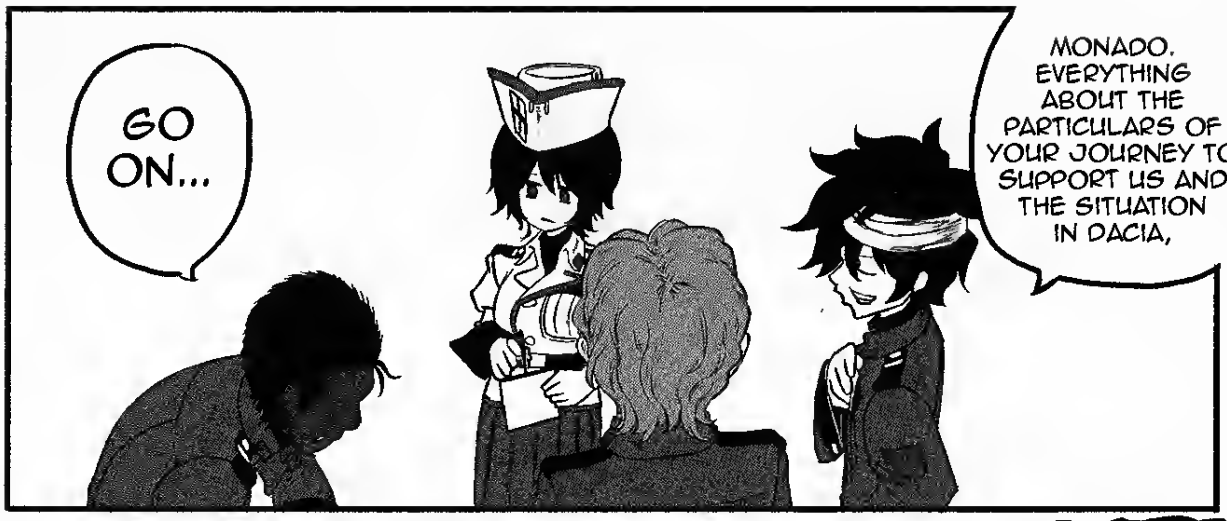
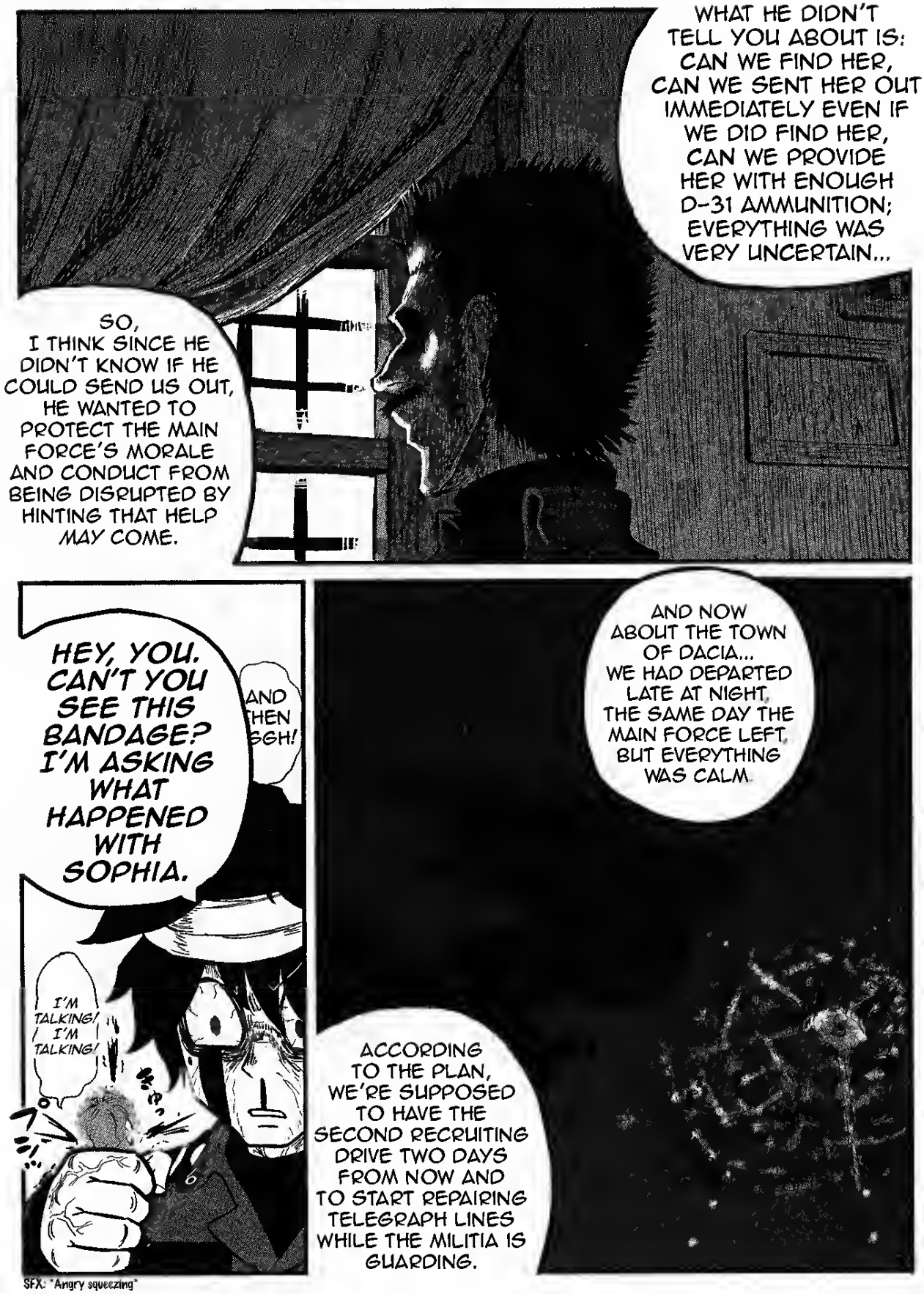
WHAT ABOUT THE PRISONER KID?
I DON'T REALLY KNOW MUCH BESIDES THAT HIS NAME IS YANNI.
I WONDER, DIDN'T HE JUST FOLLOW THE ADULTS WITHOUT THINKING WHY?
HE'S OBEDIENTLY HELPING WITH NURSING VITALI.
...OKAY, NEXT.


GO ON...
MONADO. EVERYTHING ABOUT THE PARTICULARS OF YOUR JOURNEY TO SUPPORT US AND THE SITUATION IN DACIA,

MAKE YOUR REPORT AS DETAILED AS POSSIBLE.
DID ANYTHING HAPPEN WHEN YOU WERE ON THE ROAD WITH SOPHIA?

SFX: "Seething anger"
AFTER IT WAS DECIDED TO TAKE OVER THE GRANARY, THE SUPPORT DIVISION GUYS AND I WERE ORDERED TO LOOK FOR SOPHIA.
IT SEEMS THE COMMANDER WAS THINKING ABOUT USING US AS REINFORCEMENTS AND TO BE A RESUPPLY UNIT FROM THE BEGINNING.
ERR... FIRST, HOW WE BECAME THE REINFORCE-MENTS...


WHAT HE DIDN'T TELL YOU ABOUT IS: CAN WE FIND HER, CAN WE SENT HER OUT IMMEDIATELY EVEN IF WE DID FIND HER, CAN WE PROVIDE HER WITH ENOUGH D-31 AMMUNITION; EVERYTHING WAS VERY UNCERTAIN...
SO, I THINK SINCE HE DIDN'T KNOW IF HE COULD SEND US OUT, HE WANTED TO PROTECT THE MAIN FORCE'S MORALE AND CONDUCT FROM BEING DISRUPTED BY HINTING THAT HELP MAY COME.
AND NOW ABOUT THE TOWN OF DACIA... WE HAD DEPARTED LATE AT NIGHT, THE SAME DAY THE MAIN FORCE LEFT, BUT EVERYTHING WAS CALM.
ACCORDING TO THE PLAN, WE'RE SUPPOSED TO HAVE THE SECOND RECRUITING DRIVE TWO DAYS FROM NOW AND TO START REPAIRING TELEGRAPH LINES WHILE THE MILITIA IS GUARDING.
HEY, YOU. CAN'T YOU SEE THIS BANDAGE? I'M ASKING WHAT HAPPENED WITH SOPHIA.
AND THEN SGH!
I'M TALKING! I'M TALKING!
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SFX: "Angry squeezing"

I HATE TO STAND OUT, SO DON'T COME NEAR ME.
OR SO I WAS TOLD.
NO WAY...!
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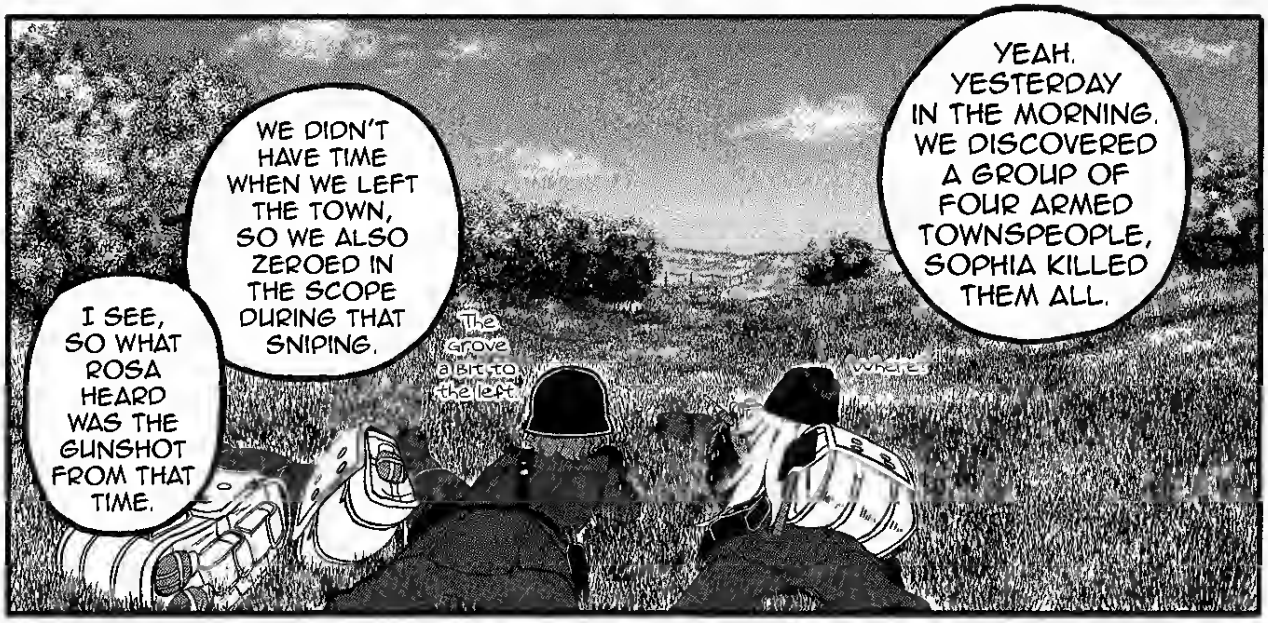
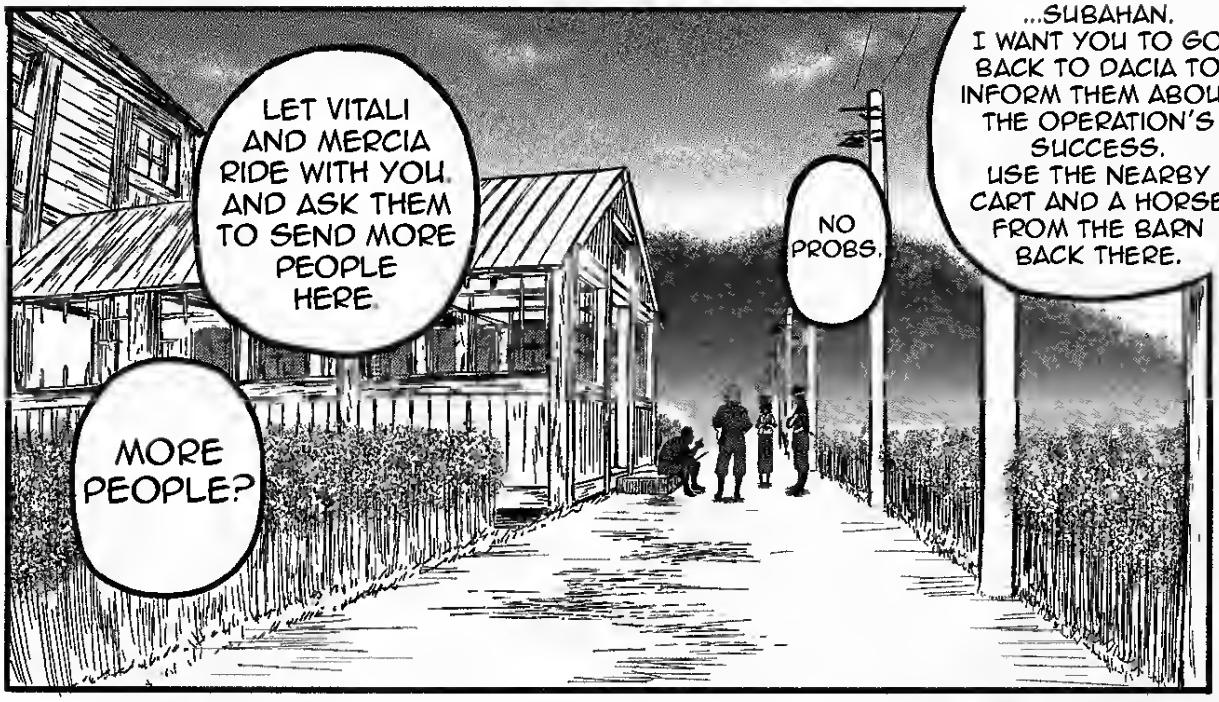
YOU KNOW, I WAS THE ONE WHO CARRIED THAT BAG OF SUPPLIES, BUT...
...? CONTINUE.
ON THE ROAD, WE ALWAYS MOVED SEPARATED BY 15 METERS EXCEPT THE TIME WE FOUGHT AN ENEMY PATROL UNIT.
POOPY-HEAD!!! YOU'LL STINK IF YOU TOUCH HIM!!!
THANKS, YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT! (OF POOP!!!)
...EH?
YOU ALREADY KILLED SOME ENEMIES BEFORE COMING HERE?

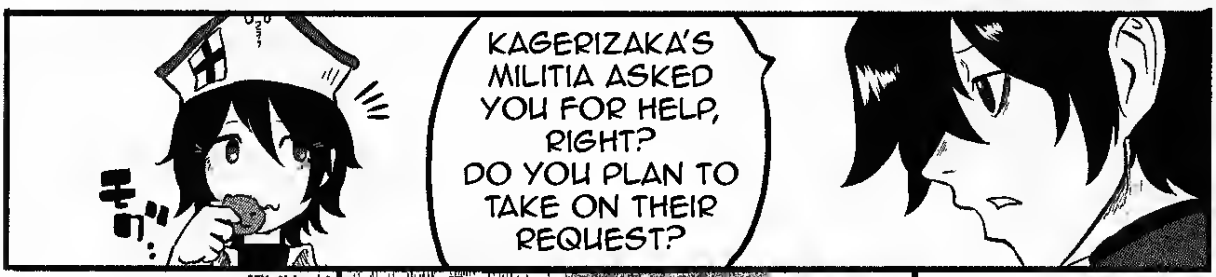

YEAH. YESTERDAY IN THE MORNING, WE DISCOVERED A GROUP OF FOUR ARMED TOWNSPEOPLE, SOPHIA KILLED THEM ALL.
WE DIDN'T HAVE TIME WHEN WE LEFT THE TOWN, SO WE ALSO ZEROED IN THE SCOPE DURING THAT SNIPING.
I SEE, SO WHAT ROSA HEARD WAS THE GUNSHOT FROM THAT TIME.
The Grove a bit to the left
Where?

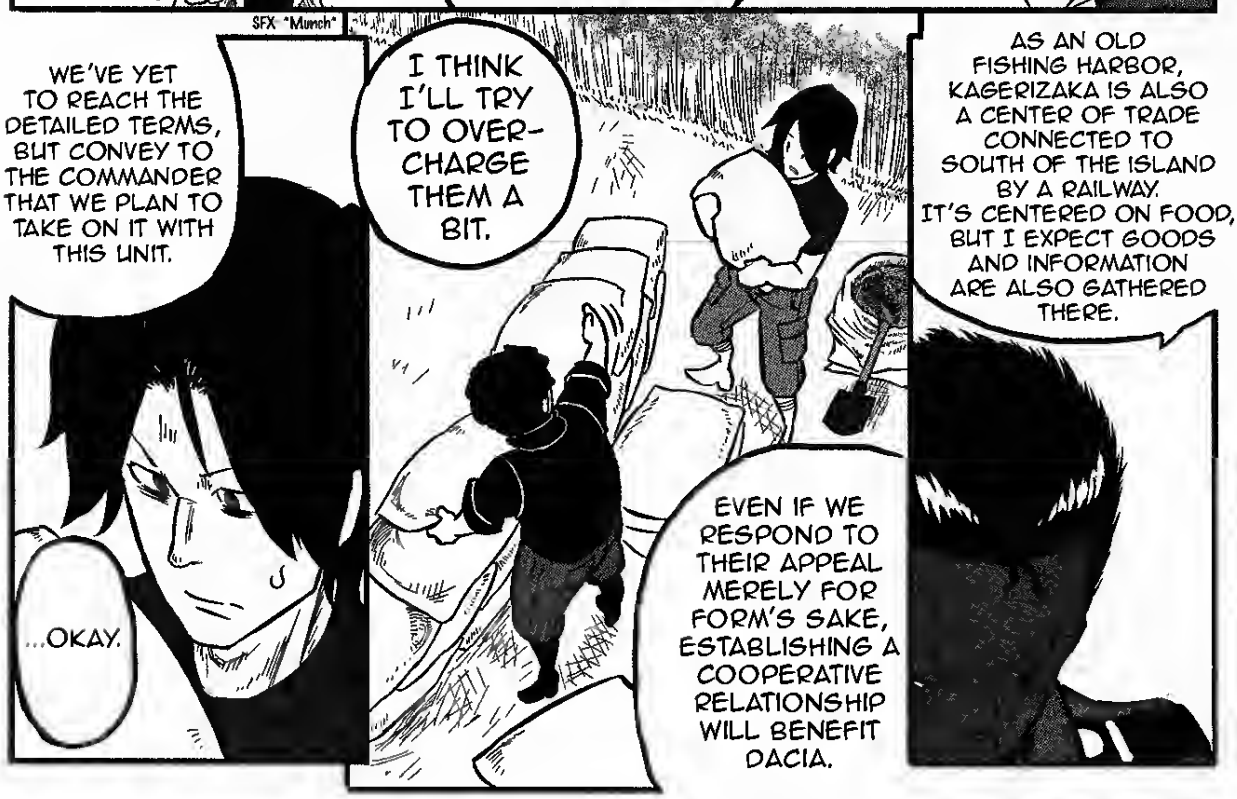
SFX: *Jitters with expectation*

He probably, confidently, provided these few supplies only because sending Sophia here was already settled on. This means our main unit wasn't the one the commander had pinned his hopes on.
...IT FEELS LIKE HE'S TELLING US TO HOLD THIS PLACE NO MATTER WHAT.
PROVISIONS AND CHANGES OF CLOTHES, AMMUNITION, ADDITIONAL HAND GRENADES, ONE MEDPACK, STUFF LIKE TARPAULIN SHEETS, BOOKS TO KILL TIME, CIGARETTES... WELL, ALL SORTS OF THINGS.
AH!! CAT SABLÉ!
Ranou Cat sable
Kaori

*Sable is a French round shortbread cookie


...SUBAHAN.
I WANT YOU TO GO BACK TO DACIA TO INFORM THEM ABOUT THE OPERATION'S SUCCESS.
USE THE NEARBY CART AND A HORSE FROM THE BARN BACK THERE.
NO PROBS.
LET VITALI AND MERCIA RIDE WITH YOU. AND ASK THEM TO SEND MORE PEOPLE HERE.
MORE PEOPLE?


KAGERIZAKA'S MILITIA ASKED YOU FOR HELP, RIGHT?
DO YOU PLAN TO TAKE ON THEIR REQUEST?


SFX: *Munch*
I THINK I'LL TRY TO OVER-CHARGE THEM A BIT.
AS AN OLD FISHING HARBOR, KAGERIZAKA IS ALSO A CENTER OF TRADE CONNECTED TO SOUTH OF THE ISLAND BY A RAILWAY.
IT'S CENTERED ON FOOD, BUT I EXPECT GOODS AND INFORMATION ARE ALSO GATHERED THERE.
WE'VE YET TO REACH THE DETAILED TERMS, BUT CONVEY TO THE COMMANDER THAT WE PLAN TO TAKE ON IT WITH THIS UNIT.
...OKAY.
EVEN IF WE RESPOND TO THEIR APPEAL MERELY FOR FORM'S SAKE, ESTABLISHING A COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WILL BENEFIT DACIA.

LET'S REST UNTIL THE EVENING WHILE PATROLLING IN 2-HOUR SHIFTS.
EVERYONE WAS RUNNING AROUND WITHOUT A BREAK SINCE LAST NIGHT AFTER ALL.
ALRIGHT. THAT IS ALL ON THE MATTER OF CONFIRMING THE CURRENT CONDITION.
MONADO. YOU HAVEN'T SEEN SOPHIA YET, CAN YOU GO ON PATROL LIKE THIS?
YOU'LL HAVE TO SPEND TWO HOURS TOGETHER.
AH... YEAH!
P-PROBABLY... ...IT'S PROBABLY FINE. I THINK...
MUNCH
HAMBURGER
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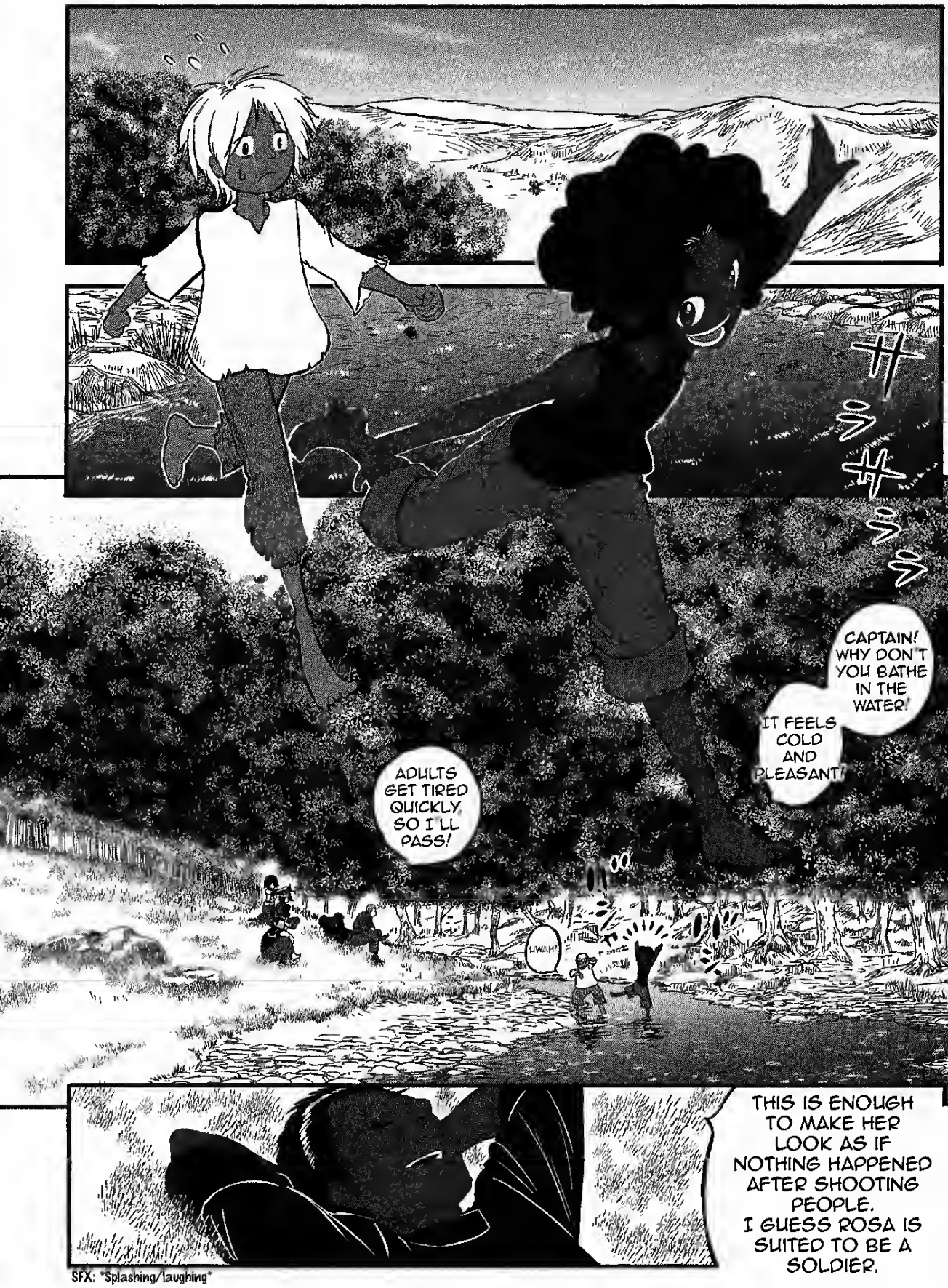
SFX: *Snoring*


CAPTAIN! WHY DON'T YOU BATHE IN THE WATER!
IT FEELS COLD AND PLEASANT!
ADULTS GET TIRED QUICKLY, SO I'LL PASS!
UWAH!
THIS IS ENOUGH TO MAKE HER LOOK AS IF NOTHING HAPPENED AFTER SHOOTING PEOPLE.
I GUESS ROSA IS SUITED TO BE A SOLDIER.

SFX: *Splashing/laughing*

...YESTERDAY, I SPOKE WITH MERCIA DURING A STALEMATE.
UH HUH.
SFX: *Gnawing*
I ASKED: "WHY DID YOU GO AS FAR AS LYING TO VOLUNTEER INTO THE COMBAT DIVISION IN THIS HARSH TIME?"
(I'm sleepy How tiresome. This is good enough, I guess... I mean, it's just Subahan)
AND SHE SAID: "I THOUGHT IT WAS MY CHANCE TO SHOW IT TO MY OLDER TWIN SISTER AND PEOPLE AROUND ME."
(I am happy I mean look, don't we kind of look like a c-c-c-couple?)
SFX *Wrapping*
SUPPOSEDLY SHE ALWAYS LIVED A SECLUDED LIFE NEXT TO HER SISTER, WHO IS THE POSTER GIRL FOR THE VENISON MEALS SHOP.
...YOU DON'T SAY.

IN TERMS OF CAREER, SHE THOUGHT SHE COULDN'T BE ANYTHING USEFUL EXCEPT AS HER SISTER'S PROPERTY.
IT SEEMS SHE COULDN'T IMAGINE BEING THROWN INTO THE REAL COMBAT AFTER ONLY 3 DAYS OF TRAINING.
WAS IT MEANT TO BE SHOCK THERAPY? SHE DID A THOUGHTLESS THING.
...WELL... IT'S MY FAULT FOR CHOOSING HER...
YUZUHA. IF MERCIA IS DONE, IT'S YOUR TURN TO TAKE A SHOWER.
FUCK YEAH!!!
HUH
SFX: *Shove*

SHUT UP, SHIT-HEAD!!! DO IT YOURSELF, DUMB-ASS!!!
YUZUHA! YOU HAVEN'T FINISHED BANDAGING... HEY!
EXCUSE ME
SFX: *Whoosh*
...
Weeeey!
WHY DID YOU CHOOSE MERCIA?
THERE'S NO WAY BUT TO BUY HER BODY AND HEART WITH MONEY!!!
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS!!! I WAS NOTHING MORE THAN A MERE PATIENT TO YUZUHA!!!
It will be fine to just force her though
What a pitiful way to think
You're supposed to shine in battle Are you for real?
SFX: *Dreams crushed*
...LISTEN, ERNEST.
?

TO PUT IT SIMPLY... I BET ON THE STRONG SPIRIT THAT WENT AS FAR AS LYING TO VOLUNTEER FOR A LIFE-THREATENING JOB.
DURING THE TRAINING, EVERYONE UNDERSTOOD SHE FALSIFIED HER PERSONAL HISTORY, RIGHT?
BECAUSE NOT HAVING ENOUGH PEOPLE AFTER SOMEONE DESERTS IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS CRITICAL OPERATION WAS THE SCARIEST FOR ME. SO RATHER THAN SKILL AND PHYSICAL ABILITY, I CHOSE BY MENTAL ASPECT.
I WAS PARTIALLY HOPING FOR THEM TO SURPRISE ME, OR RATHER, TO CHANGE DRASTICALLY. IN REALITY MY ESTIMATIONS WERE TOO OPTIMISTIC, JUST LIKE NIKOLAI SAID.
WELL, SINCE ROSA HAVE CHANGED, MAYBE IT'S FINE... HONESTLY, EVEN ROSA IS A QUESTIONABLE CHOICE, ISN'T SHE?
La-la-laa...

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE WITH SUCH EVALUATION STANDARD? FIGHTING WITH YOUR FEELINGS, THAT'S LIKELY THE WAY OF THINKING YOU WOULD HATE THE MOST...
ON THE BATTLEFIELD, NOTHING IS AS SCARY AS AMATEURS.
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF MESS WILL THEY MAKE.
THAT GOES FOR RUTZEN TOO. IN SOME WAY, THAT GOES FOR THE LIBERATION ARMY.
BECAUSE I COULDN'T CHOOSE ANYONE BUT ROOKIES, I CHOSE THEM PRAYING SOMETHING GOOD MIGHT COME OUT OF THEM.
I GUESS SOMETHING GOOD ONLY CAME OUT OF ROSA.
...

YUZUHA-SAN, WHY DID YOU JOIN THE MILITIA?
SFX. "Singing"
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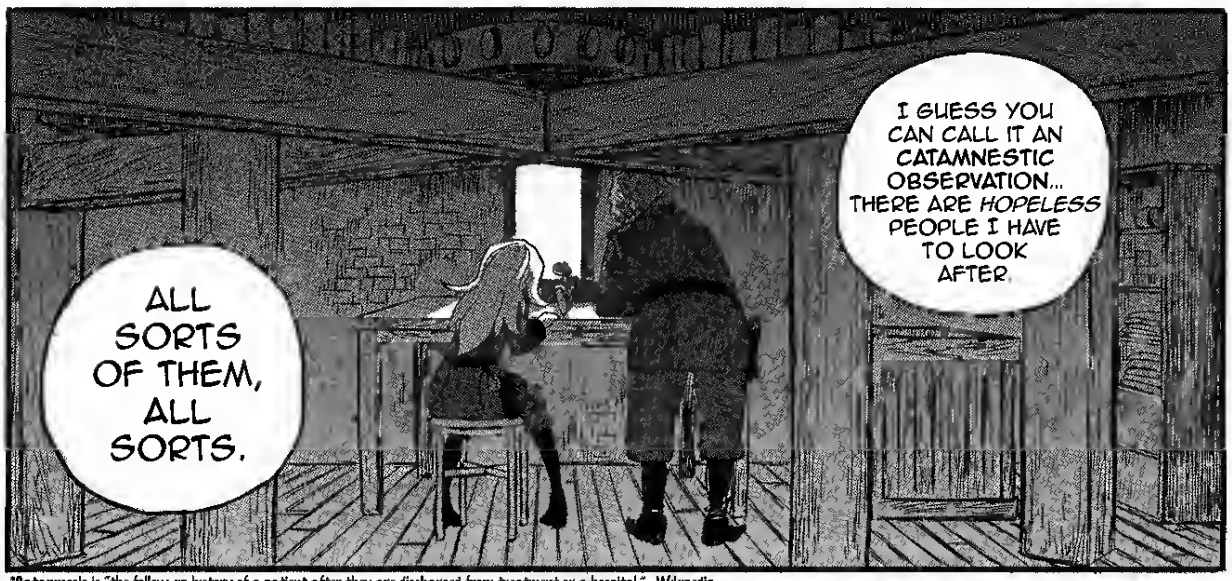
I WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT KIND OF THOUGHTS AND MOTIVES THAT SOMEONE WHO CAN DO THIS JOB HAS...
WHY, ALL OF A SUDDEN?
W-WELL, YOU SEE,
...O-KAY, BUT IT'S NOT LIKE THERE'S SOME SORT OF SPECIAL REASON.
ORIGINALLY, I VENTURED INTO THE CITY THINKING I COULD BRING THE LATEST MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE BACK TO MY HOME VILLAGE.
BECAUSE MY HOME VILLAGE IS IN AN ISLANDER AUTONOMOUS REGION, NOTHING BUT BASIC TRADITIONAL EASTERN MEDICINE LIKE MOXIBUSTION AND NEEDLE THERAPY WAS APPROVED THERE.

*Moxibustion is essentially the use of dried mugwort to cure illnesses via acupuncture (Needle therapy) or the direct burning onto the patient. Said to cure cancer and other ailments, but most modern studies suggest otherwise.

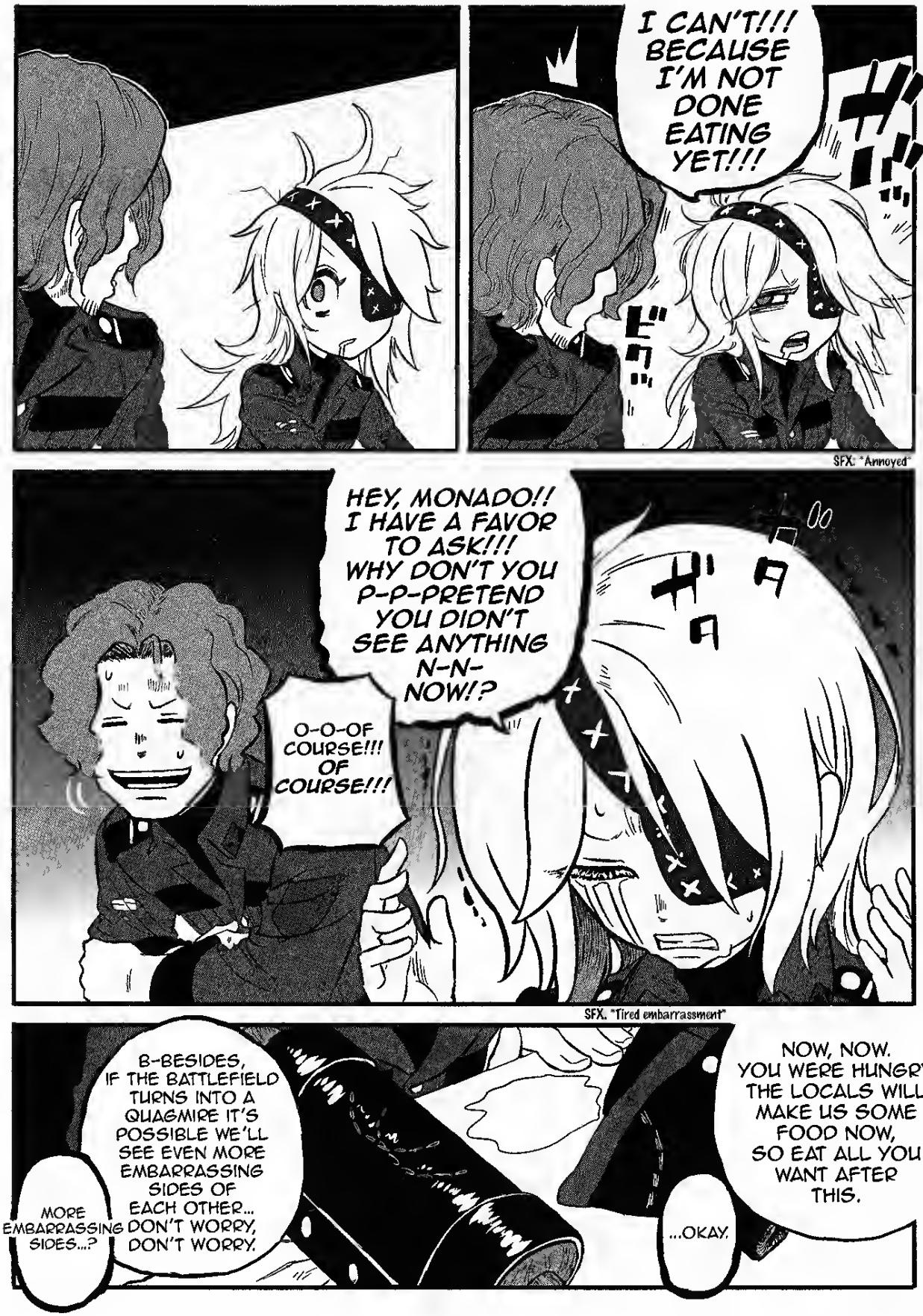
BACK THEN, WE WERE NOT YET A MILITIA, BUT MERELY NIGHT WATCHMEN ARMED WITH HANDGUNS. THE LIBERATION ARMY WERE ALSO MERE DEMONSTRATORS IN THOSE DAYS...
TO SPEAK FRANKLY, MEDICAL AFFAIRS IS A DECORATIVE LEISURE POST. IT WAS A DREAM WORKPLACE WHERE I COULD EARN SOME MONEY WHILE STUDYING.
I HAD TO PAY FOR SCHOOL AND LIVING EXPENSES SOON AFTER ARRIVING, AND BY CHANCE, WHAT I FOUND WAS THIS JOB.
AS I APPROACHED GRADUATION FROM THE MEDICAL SCHOOL, I LEARNED THAT IT'S AN UNSPOKEN RULE THAT ONLY PEOPLE OF *CONTINENTAL DESCENT* COULD GET A MEDICAL LICENSE THAT WAS ACCEPTED BY THE WHOLE ISLAND.
I WAS SUPPOSED TO GRADUATE WITH MY GRADES, BUT IN REALITY I FAILED.
WHILE I WAS SULKING, THE ISLAND HAD APPROACHED THE IMMINENT WAR, AND I LOST MY CHANCE TO QUIT.
...
...RIGHT NOW, FAR FROM A LEISURE POST, DON'T YOU HAVE THE MOST DANGEROUS JOB? WHY DON'T YOU QUIT?
SFX: *Hiss...*

IT'S HARD TO SAY WHY, BUT...
...
WHEN YOU'VE SPEND YEARS WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES, YOU BECOME ATTACHED TO THEM, AND THERE'S NO REPLACEMENT FOR ME TOO.
I CAN'T POSSIBLY DISAPPEAR WHEN I'M NEEDED, CAN I?
THAT'S WHY...


I GUESS YOU CAN CALL IT AN CATAMNESTIC OBSERVATION... THERE ARE *HOPELESS* PEOPLE I HAVE TO LOOK AFTER.
ALL SORTS OF THEM, ALL SORTS.

*Catamnesis is "the follow-up history of a patient after they are discharged from treatment or a hospital" -Wikipedia

SFX: *Nom nom.*


I CAN'T!!! BECAUSE I'M NOT DONE EATING YET!!!
SFX: "Annoyed"
HEY, MONADO!! I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK!!! WHY DON'T YOU P-P-PRETEND YOU DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING N-N-NOW!?
O-O-OF COURSE!!! OF COURSE!!!
SFX. "Tired embarrassment"
NOW, NOW. YOU WERE HUNGRY. THE LOCALS WILL MAKE US SOME FOOD NOW, SO EAT ALL YOU WANT AFTER THIS.
...OKAY.
B-BESIDES, IF THE BATTLEFIELD TURNS INTO A QUAGMIRE IT'S POSSIBLE WE'LL SEE EVEN MORE EMBARRASSING SIDES OF EACH OTHER... DON'T WORRY, DON'T WORRY.
MORE EMBARRASSING SIDES...?

THE PROBABILITY IS LOW THOUGH. BASICALLY, WHAT I WANT TO SAY IS...
ZZZZ
WE MIGHT HAVE TO RELEASE BODILY FLUIDS INTO OUR PANTS AND STUFF...
...SOMETHING LIKE THAT CAN HAPPEN?
WELL I MEAN, IN CASE WE WOULD HAVE TO BE ON A MISSION FOR WHO KNOWS HOW MANY DAYS STRAIGHT,
...WHAT, YOU WERE MAKING FUN OF ME *AFTER* ALL... YOU'RE TERRIBLE...!
SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT MERELY DROOLING AND TALKING IN YOUR SLEEP! **AHAHAHA!**
AND ANYWAY, EVEN IF SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPENS, ONLY I WILL SEE.
THERE IS NO NEED TO PRESERVE YOUR HUMANITY ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

AH, EXCUSE ME...!!
S-SORRY FOR DISRUPTING THE NICE ATMOSPHERE!!
I'M ROSA, THIRD-CLASS SQUAD MEMBER. I VOLUNTEERED BECAUSE I ADMIRED THE SNIPER!!
TH-THANK YOU SO MUCH!!
AH! YEAH, YEAH!
(Nice atmosphere?)
YESTERDAY, WHEN I BECAME THE MESSENGER, YOU SAVED ME...
ERR, YOU SEE~...
BASICALLY... WHAT I'M SAYING...

I WANT TO BECOME A SNIPER!
...
...?
WOULDN'T YOU TEACH ME HOW TO SHOOT? I'LL DO ANYTHING!!
SFX: "Creaking"
...THEN, WHY DON'T YOU STAND WATCH INSTEAD OF HER FOR A BIT?
EH?

... YOU ARE MORE TIRED THAN YOU THINK, REST WHEN IT'S TIME TO REST. NO ONE WILL COMPLAIN ABOUT A PERSON WHO'S DONE SO MUCH WORK.
...
IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE! I'LL REST LATER TOO!!
BUT IT'S MY DUTY, EVEN YOU...
OKAY SOPHIA, TAKE A SHOWER, EAT YOUR MEAL AND SLEEP ONCE MORE!
They're like a couple! How romantic!!!
NICE TO MEET YOU.
YES, NICE TO MEET YOU, TEACHER!!
...IT'S SOPHIA WALDRON.

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OH MY!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MS. SOLDIER!
EVERYONE IS VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU ALL!!
IT'S OVER WITH NO PROPERTY OR CHILDREN LOST! THANKS TO YOU...!
MY HUSBAND DIED, BUT...

SFX: *Door opening*

AH... H-HELLO! GOOD JOB!!
GOOD JOB.
Huh..? Who's that?
UZUHA-AN, O...
GOOD JOB, KILLER. DID YOU COME BACK FOR US BECAUSE SNIPING WAS *FUN*?
DOES "KILLER" REFER TO THE SNIPER ROSA WAS TALKING ABOUT?!
THAT'S RIGHT.
AMAZING!! LISTEN, LISTEN, THANK YOU SO MUCH! CAN I GET AN AUTOGRAPH FROM YOU LATER!?
...WHAT'S THE MATTER? FEELING DOWN EVEN THOUGH YOU ONLY KILLED THE *DESPISED* LIBERATION ARMY?

(Is she angry or something?)
IT'S FINE TO BE MORE PLEASED, RIGHT? SINCE BOTH OF THOSE AREN'T BIG PROBLEMS FOR US NORMAL HUMANS.
WAS THERE SOME PROBLEM? WITH THE WAY YOU KILLED THEM? OR WITH HOW MANY ENEMIES HAD YOU LET GET AWAY?
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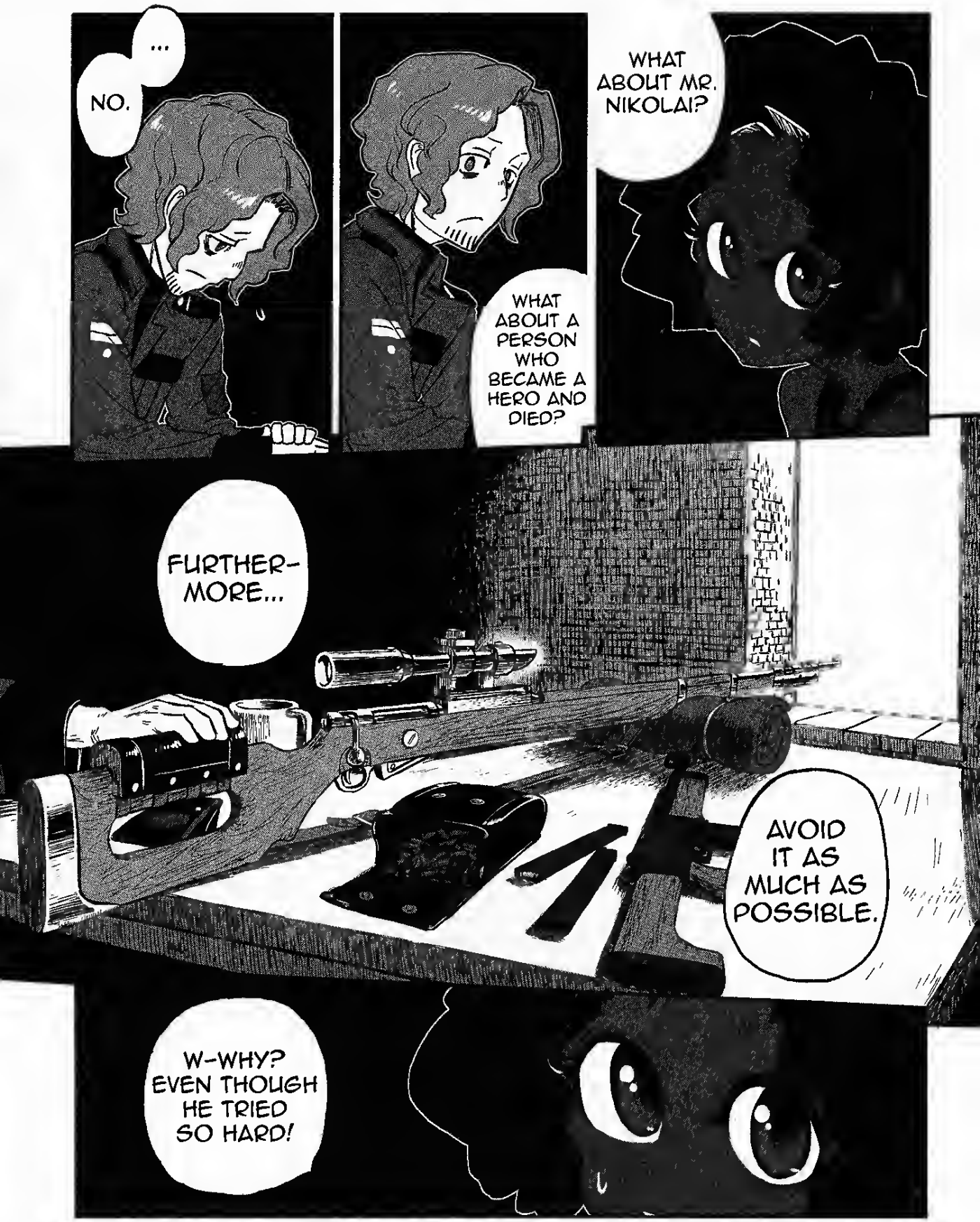
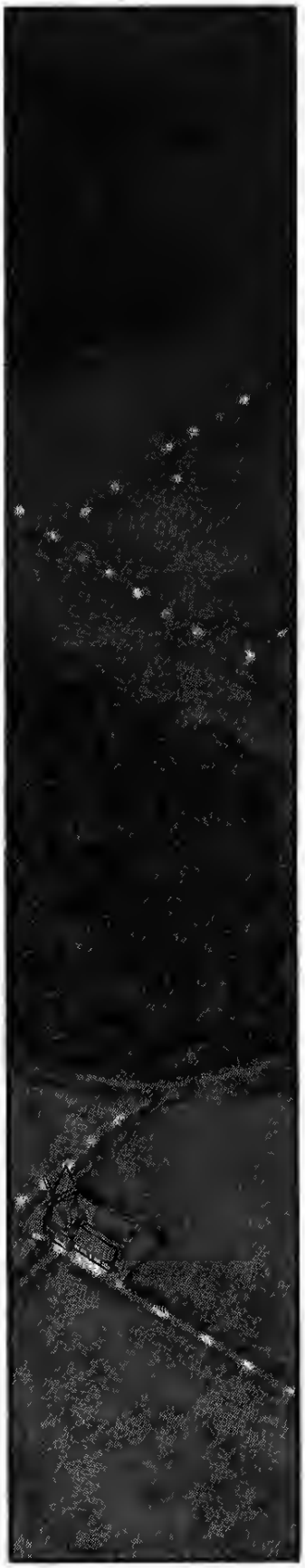
EXCUSE ME.
EH, WAIT?
YUZUHA—
HEY
SFX: *Flustered*
...ROSA. THERE ARE A FEW THINGS I NEED TO TELL YOU.
YES! PLEASE DO, WHATEVER IT IS!!!

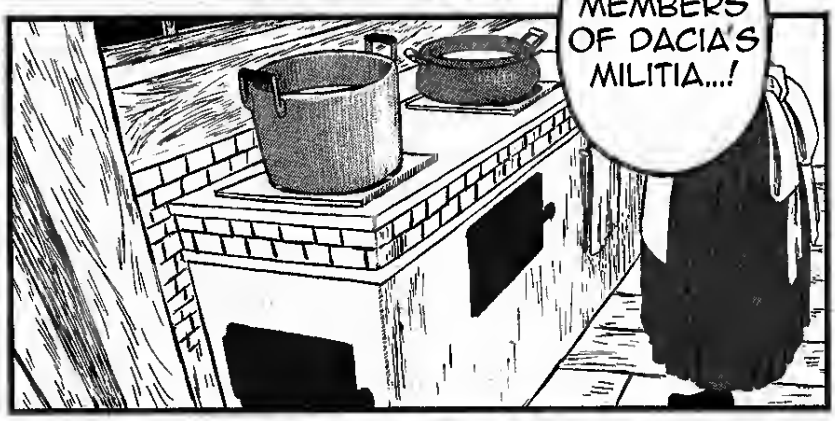
TO APPROACH A HERO, TO BECOME A HERO... STOP RUNNING AROUND FUSSING ABOUT THAT.
O... OKAY.
YOU'RE THINKING A SNIPER IS A HERO OR SOMETHING, BUT...
THAT IS A *VERY* ONE-SIDED WAY OF LOOKING AT THINGS.
BEING AN EXISTENCE AKIN TO A DEVIL FOR SOMEONE ELSE.
GOT THAT? BEING A HERO FOR SOMEONE MEANS...

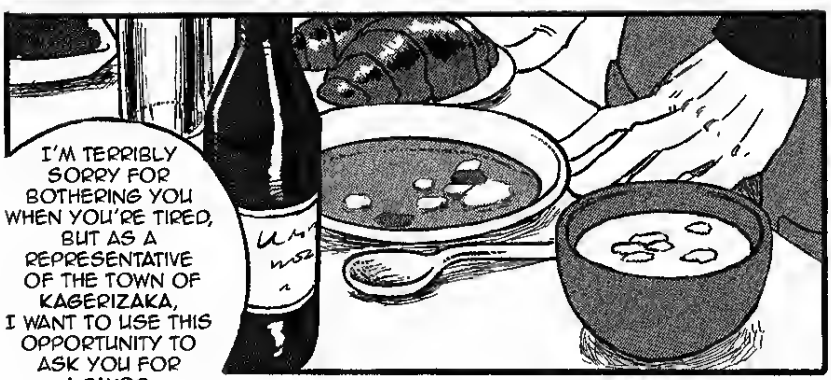
IF THE FAMILIES OF PEOPLE KILLED BY HER WILL LEARN HER TRUE IDENTITY,
THE ACT OF DOING AN ESSENTIAL JOB IN ITSELF CAN BECOME A FATAL WOUND.
OUCH!
DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT WILL HAPPEN?
THAT'S WHY, DON'T YOU TALK ABOUT THE SNIPER TO ANYONE EXCEPT THE PEOPLE INVOLVED.
AND IF YOU, FOR EXAMPLE, BECOME A SNIPER YOURSELF, DON'T TELL THAT TO ANYONE. EVEN TO THE PEOPLE FROM YOUR TOWN.
...
UNDER-STAND?


...
NO.
WHAT ABOUT A PERSON WHO BECAME A HERO AND DIED?
WHAT ABOUT MR. NIKOLAI?
FURTHER-MORE...
AVOID IT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
W-WHY? EVEN THOUGH HE TRIED SO HARD!

...
THERE ARE LOTS OF THEM IN THIS WORLD.
THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO THINK IT'S NATURAL FOR THE FAMILY OF A KILLER TO BE EVIL TOO.
AFTER ABOUT 15 OR 20 YEARS PASSES, THIS ISLAND WILL CHANGE FOR SURE. HE WILL ALSO BECOME A HISTORICAL FIGURE.
WHEN THAT TIME COMES, IF YOU STILL THINK YOU WANT TO TELL SOMEONE ABOUT HIM, I THINK IT'S FINE TO TELL.
IF THERE IS AN AMAZING PERSON BEFORE YOUR EYES, RATHER THAN SPREADING RUMORS, IT'S BETTER TO SUPPORT THAT PERSON BY BEING QUIET. YOU CAN ALWAYS KEEP FROLICKING FOR LATER.
IF YOU DON'T, YOU WILL BRING HARDSHIP ON THE PERSON YOU ADMIRE.




DEAR MEMBERS OF DACIA'S MILITIA...!


I'M TERRIBLY SORRY FOR BOTHERING YOU WHEN YOU'RE TIRED, BUT AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TOWN OF KAGERIZAKA, I WANT TO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ASK YOU FOR A FAVOR.

LAST WEEK, ON THE 25TH, ARMED CITIZENS REVOLTED IN OUR TOWN OF KAGERIZAKA AND STARTED THE CONFRONTATION WITH BOTH OUR LOCAL MILITIA AND THE ISLAND ARMY STATIONED THERE.
THE TOWN HAS BEEN SEPARATED INTO THE WESTERN AND EASTERN PARTS AND THE LOCAL TOWNSPEOPLE ARE FACED WITH A PREDICAMENT WHERE THEY'RE FORCIBLY RECRUITED TO SUPPORT BOTH ARMIES...
(Let's eat!)
...I got less bread than everyone else...
ACCORDING TO YOU, THERE WAS A REVOLT IN DACIA TOO, BUT YOU REPELLED IT SPLENDIDLY AND ON TOP OF THAT YOU EVEN SUCCEED IN TAKING OVER THIS GRANARY REGION...
IT MAY BE A VERY SELFISH REQUEST, BUT WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO HELP OUR TOWN NO MATTER WHAT!!

I GOT THE GIST OF IT LAST NIGHT. THE QUESTION IS, WHAT KIND OF PROFIT CAN THE TOWN OF DACIA GET BY TAKING ON THIS REQUEST?
IF WE INFORM THEM THAT WE SUCCESSFULLY TOOK OVER THIS PLACE, THE SITUATION MIGHT CHANGE. BUT, AS YOU'D EXPECT, THERE IS NO PERSON READY TO DIE FOR ANOTHER TOWN FOR FREE.
IN DACIA, THERE WERE NO MORE THAN 13 PEOPLE READY TO DIE IMMEDIATELY FOR DACIA.
PERSONALLY, CHATTING ALL NIGHT YESTERDAY WAS NOT A BAD WAY TO KILL TIME. SO I GOT SOME FEELING FOR WANTING TO HELP YOU THOUGH
うとうと…
スヤ～
...THIS IS WHAT WE CAN PROMISE TO OFFER YOU...

SFX: *Snoring*

Can I have some?
I can't eat any more!
MARINE PRODUCTS THAT CAN BE HARVESTED BY FISHING AND IRON ORE SUPPLY THAT COMES BY THE RAILWAY ENCIRCLING SOUTH.
プルプル…
IN A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR FROM NOW, WE'LL SUPPLY AS MUCH OF EACH AS WE CAN FOR NO COMPENSATION.

NOW LISTEN, IN THIS EMERGENCY WE CAN'T MAKE A DECISION FOR THE TOWN OF DACIA ONLY WITH THE PEOPLE PRESENT HERE, CAN WE?

NO TO SHARING OF THE EQUIPMENT. EVEN WE KNOW TO SOME EXTENT WHAT DACIA NEEDS TO SURVIVE.

THESE ARE THE TERMS OUR TOWN'S MAYOR AND MY MILITIA'S COMMANDER CAN PROMISE.
AND THEN, AS FELLOW MILITIAS, WE'LL SHARE INFORMATION, ARMED FORCES, AND EQUIPMENT. YOU CAN SAY WE'RE 'OFFERING' A PUBLIC ORDER ALLIANCE BETWEEN TOWNS...

WITHOUT MORE DISTINCT REWARDS AND CONDITIONS, IT'S NO GOOD.
WE CAN'T WORK ON THOSE VAGUE TERMS.
...ERR... OF COURSE. THAT IS NOT ALL.
THIS IS A BLOOD SEALED CONTRACT BETWEEN OUR COMMANDER, KIYOCHIKA, AND THE ISLAND ARMY GARRISON'S COMMANDING OFFICER, MAJOR GENERAL OSCAR.
BASED ON THIS, I WANT YOU TO TAKE MY WORDS AS THEIR OWN.
IF MAJOR GENERAL OSCAR CAN RECEIVE ASSISTANCE IN PROTECTING THE TOWN FROM THE LIBERATION ARMY,
THE GARRISONED FORCES COMMANDED BY MAJOR GENERAL OSCAR, NAMELY...

ONE TANK PLATOON FROM UNDER THE 3RD ARMOURED REGIMENT AND TWO INFANTRY PLATOONS FROM THE COMPANY ATTACHED TO THE REGIMENT AS WELL AS THE ACCOMPANYING MAINTENANCE SQUAD
WILL BE UTILIZED FOR DACIA'S DEFENSE UNDER DACIA'S MAYOR'S COMMAND FOR ONE YEAR FROM NOW ON. THAT IS OUR PROMISE.
THE PERSON WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF SNIPING LAST NIGHT!! EVEN IF YOU GIVE US THAT PERSON ALONE, I DON'T MIND!!
Bread
I'M BEGGING YOU, PLEASE HELP US...!!

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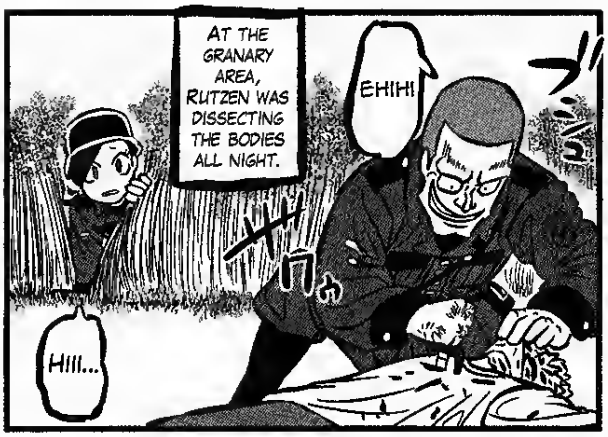
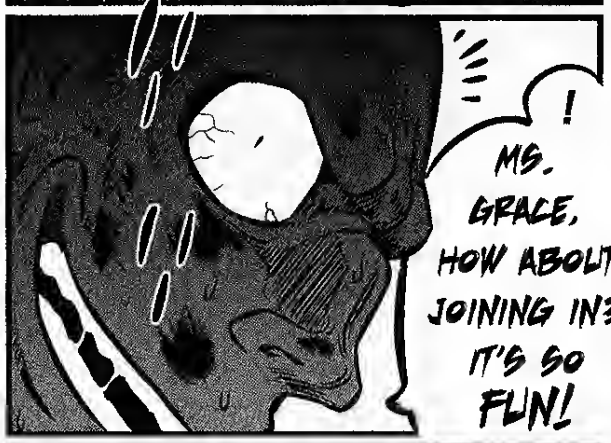
STRAIGHTFORWARD MAN

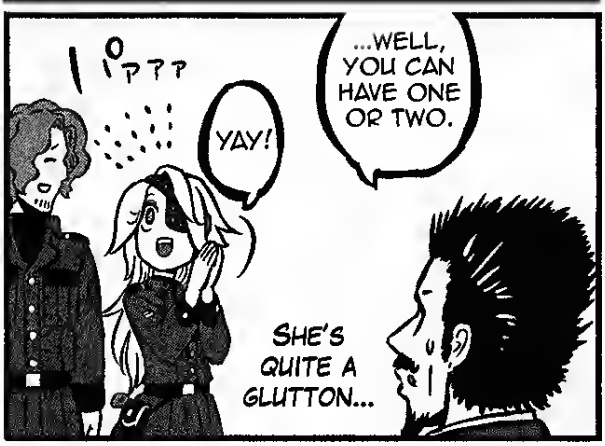




*GRACE HAD BEEN THINKING WITH ALL HER MIGHT UNTIL THE MORNING IF SHE SHOULD ASSOCIATE WITH THIS PERSON FROM NOW ON.
AH
SORRY, BUT I THINK I SHOULD NOT...

SABLÉ

SFX: *Fidgeting*

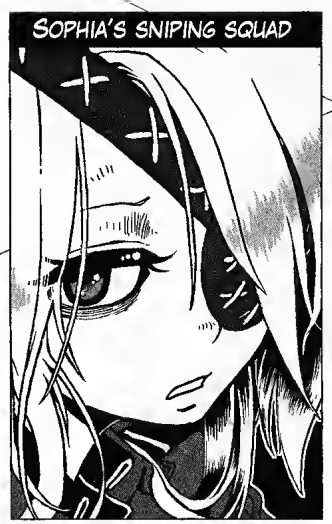


CITIZEN'S LIBERATION ARMY

BEHIND THE WAR'S STALEMATE,

EVERY DISTURBANCE ENTANGLES!

ISLAND ARMY



SOPHIA'S SNIPING SQUAD

KAGERIZAKA'S MILITIA

PREVIEW

HOWEVER, THE PEOPLE WHO SUPPOSEDLY REVEALED THEMSELVES TO GREET THEM POINT GUNS AT SOPHIA'S SQUAD FOR SOME REASON...
BROUGHT YOU HERE RISKING MY LIFE...
THAT'S WHY I...
RESPONDING TO THE CALL FOR HELP, THEY ARRIVE AT THE FISHING TOWN, KAGERIZAKA-

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「もう生きていてもしょうがないの…」
復讐を果たした結果、
人を殺す理由を失い、
最愛の娘を取り上げられた結果、
生きる意味を失った。
力なく項垂れる彼女に対し、
モンドは兵士が戦う理由を説く。

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(MOSTLY TRANSLATORS) TO HELP OUT
ON THE MANY PROJECTS WE DO.
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(ON THE SCANLATION RESOURCES PAGE)

Big Boss, Big Dreams

THE UNNAMED SOLDIER LEFT WITH HER RIFLE, ONLY TO BE PUNISHED BY MILLER WITH CQC.

FOR THOSE WONDERING,
A FEW OF THE CHARACTER'S NAMES WERE CHANGED TO FIT THE ACTUAL TEXT BETTER.
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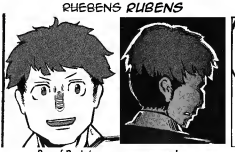
Main Protagonists - Non-spoiler Edition

Sophia

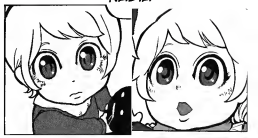
Dacia's extraordinary sniper ace.
Mother of Nadia and wife to Kubens.
Was trained by Kuebens to be an expert shot.

Kuebens Rubens



One of Dacia's many weapons makers.
Father of Nadia and husband to Sophia.
Very kind and is a classic family man.

Nadia



Infant daughter of Sophia and Kubens.
Very, very, VERY cute (this is important)!

Dalhan

Commander of Dacia's defense forces,
also heads the combat division.
Well-rounded and respected field officer.

Monado

Dacia combat division member.
Known to be a lazy military otaku, but has a
caring side too. Later becomes Sophia's spotter.

Arnest Ernest

Dacia combat division member.
While inexperienced at actual commanding,
he is a natural-born leader.

Yuzuha

Dacia support division member that is
attached with the combat division.
Field medic who doesn't take any attitude from others.

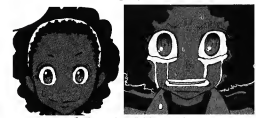
Subahan

Dacia combat division member.
Expert horse rider and the division's mounted scout.
Is infatuated with Yuzuha.

Nikolai

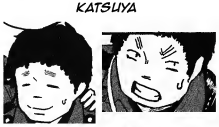
Dacia combat division member.
A new recruit, but a seasoned veteran of
Alistria's central armed forces.
Hugely racist due to a troubled past.

Rosa



Dacia combat division member.
The youngest new recruit in the division, she
romanticizes being a hero who does good.

Katsuya

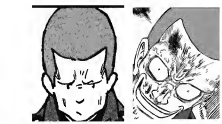


Dacia combat division member.
Easy going new recruit, but gets the job
done when needed.

Bitari Vitali

Dacia combat division member.
As new as they come in terms of recruits,
somewhat hesitant but hard working.

Rutzen



Dacia combat division member.
A new recruit that has a mysterious and
a very, very twisted past...

Michelle Mercia

Dacia combat division member.
Joined up because she was an "avid hunter",
but first looks can be deceiving as this recruit shows.

Grace

Dacia combat division member.
A new recruit that is looking for some action,
but is not exactly prepared when it finds her.

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